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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Members:

Passiglia, John (2021)
Miller, Peter (2022)
Ruggles, Arthur III (2020)
Cook, Benton (2020)
Blagg, Tim (2020)
Cloutier, Douglas (2022)
Doug Mayo (2021)
Bob Moorhead (2022)

Meeting Minutes for: 10/3/2019
at John Zon Community Center

Meeting began at: 5:04 p.m.

Members present: John Passiglia, Terry Ruggles, Tim Blagg, Benton Cook, Bob Moorhead

Guests present: None

Last month's minutes were approved

Old Business:

- Terry Ruggles reported that he has talked to the City Council for the second time about possible plans for the area below the Wiley-Russell Dam project, but despite his emphasis on using the parking lot as a "jewel" in the river and a fulfillment of the conclusions of the Green River Charrette, as well as the City's Master Plan, he felt he failed to gain the council's attention. The commission will continue to pursue this idea.
- As resolved at our last meeting, a letter is to be sent to the mayor regarding the membership status of Douglas Cloutier, whose term expires this year. We understand there is at least one very qualified potential applicant.

New Business:

- The contents of Wayne Morse's Old Greenfield Village, off Route 2, are being auctioned, according to John Passiglia, and he is in discussion with Morse about possible acquisitions by town organizations.
- There was considerable discussion of a complaint made to a member of the town council by a local businessman against the commission. The allegation was that he was ill treated at a recent meeting in which he applied for permission to change the façade of a building that had been vetted by the commission in order to qualify for a state grant. The permission was granted with no stipulations, but the businessman is apparently complaining — much to the bewilderment of those commission members who were present at the meeting. John Passiglia is handling the affair, has met with the businessman, and will meet with the councilor.
- The commission is planning to apply to place the Wiley-Russell Dam on the National Register of Historic Places. John Passiglia and Terry Ruggles will lead the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Tim Blagg, secretary